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MEMORANDUM

TO: Heads of Agencies

FROM: Wm. Bradford Reynolds *WBR*
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division *100-13*

SUBJECT: Section 504 -- Federally-Conducted Regulations
-- Request for Report on Progress

As explained in my letter to you of April 15, 1983, in 1978 Congress amended section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794, to extend its prohibition of discrimination on the basis of handicap to the Federal government. That amendment is now over five years old, and it is therefore imperative that implementing regulations be issued expeditiously.

The district court in Williams v. United States, No. 80-5368 (C.D. Cal. filed Dec. 3, 1980), has requested that the Department of Justice again report to the court in early January 1984, on the progress of agencies in promulgating regulations for the implementation of section 504 in federally-conducted programs and activities. In Williams, plaintiffs seek an injunction requiring agencies to issue regulations implementing the 1978 amendment to section 504.

In connection with the previous status conference in Williams held on October 17, 1983, we requested on September 15, 1983, that your agency submit to us an affidavit describing your progress. We appreciate your prompt response to our request for a status report. Because of the court's desire for an additional report, we must again ask that you provide us with a written statement updating the information previously provided and describing any modifications or additions to that submission.

Statements should be hand-delivered to Ms. Stewart B. Oneglia, Chief, Coordination and Review Section, Civil Rights Division, 320 First Street, N.W., Room 854, 724-2222, on or before December 27, 1983.

We appreciate your continuing cooperation in this matter.

